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Title:	MULTIBEAM LASER SERVOWRITING OF MAGNETIC DATA STORAGE MEDIA		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-24 and add new claims 25-43 as follows:

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25. A method of forming a servo pattern on magnetic data storage tape comprising:

providing a source beam of laser energy;

separating the source beam of laser energy into two or more beams;

directing the beams onto the magnetic data storage tape to write at least two servo tracks in the servo pattern simultaneously on the magnetic data storage tape.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising moving the tape relative to the beams.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein the magnetic data storage tape includes a magnetic coating on a substrate, the method further comprising directing the beams onto the substrate.

28. The method of claim 25, wherein separating the source beam comprises directing the source beam into a beam splitting mirror block.

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